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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: ETHNIC CHINESE

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1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT NOTED IN EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE WHETHER AN
INDOCHINESE REFUGEE WAS ETHNIC CHINESE OR NOT, BASED ON OUR INTER-
VIEWS WE CAN STATE THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF INDOCHINESE
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REFUGEES REACHING HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ETHNIC VIETNAMESE. OF THE

THREE MOST RECENT BOAT CASES, THE FIRST, AVA, ARRIVED WITH 99 REFUGEES ABOARD, APPROXIMATELY 95 ETHNIC VIETNAMESE AND FOUR CHINESE; THE SECOND, MAEI ABETO, WITH 19 REFUTEES, ALL CHINESE; AND THE THRID, JUNK 8/26/76, WITH SEVEN REFUGEES, A CHINESE FAMILY OF SIX AND ONE ETHNIC VIETNAMESE MECHANIC.

2. WE EXPECT THAT EACH BOAT CASE WOULD BE PREDOMINANTLY IF NOT ENTIRELY ONE ETHNIC GROUP OR THE OTHER SINCE ESCAPE PLANS ARE NATURALLY FORMULATED AMONG FAMILY GROUPS AND TRUSTED FRIENDS WHICH, IN VIETNAM WOULD TEND TO EXCLUDE MIXING VIETNAMESE WITH CHINESE. WHILE THE CHINESE WILL HAVE THE MONEY TO FINANCE ESCAPES AND THEREFORE ARRIVE IN GREATER NUMBERS THAN THE PERCENTAGE THEY REPRESENT IN THE VIETNAMESE POPULATION, THE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES WILL PROBABLY BE ETHNIC VIETNAMESE SINCE THEY OWN THE FISHING BOATS (MOST OF THE REFUGEES ON AVA ARE NORTHERN CATHOLIC FISHERMEN FROM PHUOC TUY) AND THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF ETHNIC VIETNAMESE WHO WOULD WISH TO ESCAPE, I.E. CATHOLICS, FORMER ARVN AND GVN EMPLOYEES.

3. WE EXPECT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF ETHNIC CHINESE WILL REACH HONG KONG THAN THE REGION AS A WHOLE, SINCE THE CHOLON CHINESE HAVE MANY FAMILY AND BUSINESS TIES IN HONG KONG AND WOULD COUNT ON FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND ASSISTANCE HERE MORE READILY THAN IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE AREA.
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